

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

22. (Amended) A display device comprising:

a polarization axis varying device,

a first polarizing splitter device disposed on one side of said polarization axis varying device and which transmits a light ray component linearly polarized in a first direction while reflecting or absorbing a light ray component linearly polarized in a predetermined direction different from said first direction;

a second polarizing splitter device, disposed on the other side of said polarization axis varying device and which reflects a light ray component linearly polarized in a second direction while transmitting a light ray component linearly polarized in a predetermined direction different from said second direction; and

a lighting device disposed on the side of said second polarizing splitter device opposite to said polarization axis varying device, and

a light reflective device, disposed on the side of said lighting device opposite to said second polarizing splitter device;

wherein said lighting device has a number of at least one of dimples and projections on a surface thereof on the side of the lighting device opposite to the light reflective device, and said surface also serving as a light diffusing plate diffusing and

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reflecting a light ray coming in from said second polarizing splitter device, while outputting
a light ray toward said second polarizing splitter device.

23. (Amended) A display device according to Claim 22,

wherein said lighting device transmits a light ray coming in from the side of said surface provided with a number of dimples or projections toward said light reflective device, while transmitting a light ray coming in from said light reflective device toward the side of said surface provided with a number of dimples or projections.

26. (Amended) A display device according to Claim 22, further comprising a light exit angle control device, disposed between said second polarizing splitter device and said lighting device also serving as a light diffusing plate, for outputting a light ray at an exit angle within a predetermined range when receiving a light ray.

27. (Amended) A display device according to Claim 22, further comprising a light diffusing device, disposed between said second polarizing splitter device and said lighting device also serving as a light diffusing plate, for diffusing and reflecting a light ray coming in from said second polarizing splitter device, while transmitting a light ray coming from said lighting device toward said second polarizing splitter device.

28. (Amended) A display device according to Claim 27, further comprising a third polarizing splitter device disposed between said lighting device and said light diffusing device and which reflects a light ray component linearly polarized in a third direction, while

transmitting a light ray component linearly polarized in a predetermined direction different from said third direction.

31. (Amended) A display device according to Claim 30, further comprising a reflector on the side of said lighting apparatus opposite to said surface including said light diffuser, wherein said lighting apparatus comprises a light source and a substantially transparent light guide.

Please add the following new claims.

33. (New) A display device according to Claim 27, further comprising a light exit angle control device, disposed between said second polarizing splitter device and said lighting device also serving as a light diffusing plate, for outputting a light ray at an exit angle within a predetermined range when receiving a light ray.